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## Marietta Power Reminds You to Get Ready for the Lights of Life

The 15th annual Lights of Life Christmas display at Life University's campus will light up the Cobb County skyline beginning on November 22, and continuing through New Years Eve.

The millions of lights that make up the display will come on from 6 p.m. to midnight every evening. The light extravaganza will decorate a 2.5-mile tour along Barclay Circle on the campus.

Notable attractions this year include a 10-step animated flight

school, 60-foot Christmas tree, an enchanted forest, a 65-foot animated great Santa Claus, and much more. You will also have opportunities to take photos with Santa Claus and Santa's mailbox along the Christmas trail.

Sponsors of this wonderful event include Life University, Marietta Power, and Georgia Events. You can enjoy the driving tour at no cost, but organizers welcome donations to help support this annual event. You will find donation boxes located along the route. ⚡



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## Please Think About Electrical Safety When You Decorate for the Holiday Season

Candles, electronics, and decorative lights can brighten up your home during the holiday season. But the Marietta Board of Lights and Water (BLW) urges you to take steps to ensure that an electric shock or electrical fire doesn't darken your family's festivities.

Each year, approximately 12,500 people have to visit an emergency room because of holiday-related incidents, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The Marietta BLW encourages you to give yourself and your loved ones the best gift of all this holiday season - the gift of electrical safety.

To help you avoid an electrical accident this holiday season, the BLW offers the following electrical safety tips:

- Read manufacturers' instructions concerning the installation and maintenance of electrical decorations before you begin decorating. Then, follow those instructions to the letter.
- Inspect each decoration carefully before you plug it in.
- Never hang or mount light strings or electrical cords in a way that might cause damage to wire insulation.
- Don't staple or nail down extension cords or strings of lights.
- Choose lights and electrical decorations certified by a recognized independent testing laboratory such as UL, ETL, or CSA.
- Unplug decorations or light strings before replacing bulbs or fuses.
- Turn off and unplug all electrical decorations before going to bed or leaving home.
- Make sure that all lights and electrical decorations you use outdoors have been certified for outdoor use.
- Limit your selection of light strings with the screw-in bulbs to those with no more than 50 bulbs connected together.
- Avoid overloading extension cords.
- Never allow pets or children to play with electrical decorations, because they can cause electrocution if misused. ⚡

# RING IN THE HOLIDAY SEASON IN MAGNIFICENT DOWNTOWN MARIETTA

Give yourself and your loved ones a gift of unforgettable holiday memories this year by beginning your "December to remember" in the quaint surroundings of jolly old Marietta.

The fun will get under way Dec. 5-6 with "Candlelight shopping on Marietta Square," when the holiday spirit transforms Glover Park into an enchanting wonderland of shimmering lights, glistening decorations, and fun for the entire family. The festivities will include a special open house until 9 p.m. both nights at the shops on Marietta Square. You will also find Santa Claus, carolers, carriage rides, and a variety of luminaries on hand to help get the holiday season off to a rousing start.

For the ideal centerpiece to your holiday kickoff celebration, you should also plan to take part in the 17th Annual **Marietta Pilgrimage Christmas Home Tour**. "Come Behind Closed Doors" will serve as the theme for this extremely popular annual event, which offers you a superb opportunity to see some of the city's most elegant historic homes decked out in all of their holiday finery.

Consistently named a "Top 20 Event in the Southeast" by the Southeast Tourism Society and a "Top 100 Event in North America" by the American Bus Association, the tour will feature six of the

Church/Cherokee Historic District best-known private homes. Along the route, you will see the Kirk House (built in 1900), the Morris-Gantt House (1896), the Prather-Carlisle House (1898), the Brumby-Owenby-Starke-Brown House (1929), and the Bishop-Dooley House (1890). The owners of these lovely homes will welcome you inside for a unique opportunity to discover how they incorporate these historic treasures into their everyday lives.

You can choose from Day Tours on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. or Sunday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. The day tours offer shuttle service staffed with informative step-on guides at a cost of \$15 per person in advance or \$20 at the door.

So make plans now to get your holiday season under way with your friends in historic Marietta. For more information on the **Marietta Pilgrimage Christmas Home Tour** and other holiday activities, call the Marietta Welcome Center & Visitors Bureau at (770) 429-1115. For additional information please visit our web site at [www.marietta-square.com](http://www.marietta-square.com). ⚡



## Calendar of Events

**Now through January 5, 2004**

*Visions Of Christmases Past*

Marietta Museum of History  
 Call 770-528-0431  
 for information

**November 7-8**

*Marietta Bluegrass Festival*  
 Jim Miller Park  
 Call 770-941-7591  
 for information

**November 11**  
*Veterans Day*

**December 4**

*Holiday Tree Lighting*  
 Marietta Square  
 5 p.m.  
 Call 770-794-5601  
 for information

